

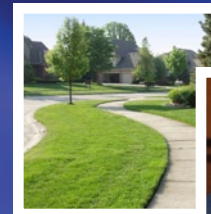


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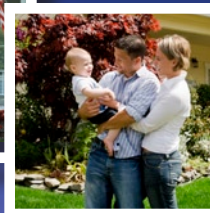
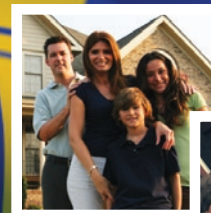
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Taxpayers are Winners in New State Budget

I believe the new state budget, based on solid common-sense principles, is a success for Hoosier taxpayers and public education.

Although the budget is a bipartisan compromise, with all 48 House Republicans voting for it, House Republican principles remained an important influence. It is a success, I believe, because:

- It contains no general tax increases.
- It maintains at least \$1 billion in state reserves.
- It uses one-time federal stimulus money responsibly, including statewide infrastructure and university construction projects.
- It does not deplete trust funds or other dedicated money for operating expenses.

Gov. Mitch Daniels, along with House and Senate Republicans, outlined those standards early in the process and did not waver. While many states are cutting overall education spending, raising taxes or both, this budget does neither. It even promises more support for education through additional funding. The "education trigger" will also allot 50 percent of state revenue to education when income exceeds revenue projections.

Statewide public education receives what I believe is solid support:

- K-12 education gained an average increase of 1.1 percent in calendar year 2010 and 0.3 percent in calendar year 2011.
- The Ivy Tech Community College network was given enhanced support, and bonding is authorized to fund 38 university capital projects throughout the state, including Indiana University Southeast, Purdue University and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.
 - The budget allocates \$10 million to the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center project at IPFW that will add a Global Design & Technology Center to our community.
 - The state's higher education scholarship grants program receives increases of 6 percent in fiscal year 2010 and 3 percent in fiscal year 2011.

I believe this is the right budget for Indiana right now, and that's why I voted for it.



Rep. Borror discussing legislation with Rep. Jack Lutz.



Rep. Borror debating an amendment on the House floor.

New CIB for Allen County

After many years of hard work, Fort Wayne and Allen County will finally have a Capital Improvement Board (CIB) to help guide the community's economic development efforts. The recently enacted legislation protects the needs of the Memorial Coliseum, while funding the CIB with excess revenue from the food and beverage tax. To maximize its effectiveness, money for the CIB will be used only for new economic development projects.

Honoring Our Veterans

This legislation honors Hoosier heroes who have sacrificed so much for us by granting all Hoosier Purple Heart recipients free tuition to state colleges and universities. Previously, the law only provided tuition to those who received the Purple Heart after Sept. 10, 2001, and the children of all Purple Heart recipients.

Preventing Foreclosures

Hoosiers who are behind on their mortgage payments now have the opportunity to meet with lenders before a foreclosure proceeding is initiated.

Helping Our Children

The School Dropout Prevention Fund will help school officials both identify students at risk of dropping out and work with the students so they can earn their high school diplomas. More than 9,000 Hoosier students drop out of high school every year, severely limiting their chances for a successful adulthood.



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